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SUBJECT: LOW CONFERENCE: COUNTRIES ANNOUNCING NON-ATTENDANCE

1. GVN AMBASSADOR LE VAN LOI GAVE USDEL OFFICER FOLLOWING
LIST OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THEY
WILL NOT ATTEND THE LOW CONFERENCE:

- A. MALDIVES
- B. MALAWI
- C. SINGAPORE
- D. BAHAMAS
- E. SWAZILAND
- F. CHINA

2. THE INCLUSION OF CHINA IS OF COURSE A SURPRISE, AND
VAN LOI WAS "NOT 100 PERCENT" SURE THE CHINESE

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WOULD BE ABSENT FOR THE PRG VOTE. THIS WOULD SEEM

CONTRARY TO THE INTERNATIONAL STANCE CHINA FOSTERS.
VAN LOI WAS CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT THE CONFERENCE
BUREAU HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE CHINESE
DECLARING THEIR NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE
AS A WHOLE.

3. VAN LOI HOPED THAT SINGAPORE WOULD BE PERSUADED
TO ATTEND. UNLIKE LAST YEAR, HE NOTED, THEY NOW
HAVE A FUNCTIONING PERMANENT MISSION IN GENEVA
AND COULD EASILY ACCREDIT A DELEGATE. DALE END QUOTE
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